DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for Moores Creek in the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Moore's Creek bacteria impairment was approved by EPA on May 24, 2002 and is available on DEQ's website at http://gisweb.deq.virginia.gov/tmdlapp/tmdl_report_search.cfm.

§62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts.

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, through contract from DEQ, has prepared a draft TMDL IP for Moores Creek. The IP was developed with input from a technical committee representing local stakeholders. A copy of the draft IP will be available for review by December 2, 2004 on DEQ's website at http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl/iprpts.html. DEQ and DCR will hold a final public meeting on **December 9, 2004 at 7:00 pm** to present the draft IP to the public. The meeting will be held at the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Office at 300 East Main Street, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

The public comment period for this public meeting and the draft IP will end on January 9, 2005. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Robert Brent, Department of Environmental Quality, 4411 Early Road, PO Box 3000, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, telephone (540) 574-7848, fax (540) 574-7878, or e-mail rnbrent@deq.virginia.gov.